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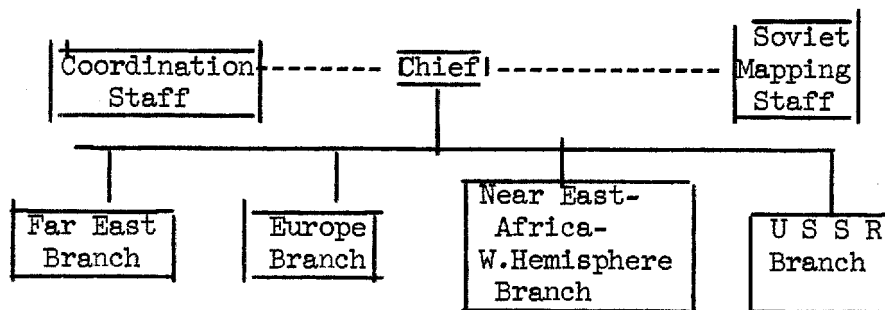
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Geography Division
Geographic Research Area

I. Introduction

The Geography Division (D/GG) of the Geographic Research Area produces all geographic research and analysis required for the support of CIA plans, estimates, and operations. The division also contributes substantially to geographic research requirements of other agencies, and coordinates Chapter IX, ^{*Map and Chart Approval*} ~~Maps and Mapping~~, of the National Intelligence Survey. D/GG is located in Building 11; the Office of the Chief is Room 206.

II. Organization



III. Functions

A. Coordination Staff

Coordinates Chapter IX, Maps and Mapping, of the National Intelligence Survey for the Office of Basic Intelligence. Reviews, edits, and integrates Chapter IX contributions from CIA (D/GG), Army Map Service,

Military Geology Branch (USGS), Signal Corps, Air Chart and Information Center, Air Weather Service, and Navy Hydrographic Office.

B. Soviet Mapping Staff

Conducts research and inter-agency coordination on USSR activities and capabilities in the fields of mapping, geodesy, and gravimetry, with special reference to activities and capabilities in Antarctica and the Soviet Arctic.

C. Far East Branch

Produces geographic intelligence on Eastern and Southern Asia and the Pacific Islands, less Siberian USSR.

D. Europe Branch

Produces geographic intelligence on the European Satellites and Western Europe.

E. Near East-Africa-Western Hemisphere Branch

Produces geographic intelligence on all countries of the Near East, Africa, and the Western Hemisphere.

F. USSR Branch

Produces geographic intelligence -- less mapping, geodesy, and gravimetry -- on all regions of the USSR.

IV. Research and Services

A. Research

D/GG research covers all aspects of physical, economic, political, *sociological* and ~~economic~~ geography as they bear upon intelligence requirements.

Finished reports vary widely in scope, treatment, and format, and are often restricted in dissemination.

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The major categories of reports are:

1. Unconventional Warfare
2. Evasion and Escape
3. Route Studies
4. Border Studies
5. Urban Area Analysis
6. Targeting
7. Regional Analysis
8. Trends and developments (Geographic Intelligence Review)
9. Background Studies for planners (Geographic Intelligence Memorandum)

B. Services

D/GG provides information on:

1. international and internal boundaries (coordinated with Department of State)
2. the location of cities, industries, road and railroad nets, and other mapable elements
3. characteristics of terrain, climate, soils, and vegetation
4. distribution of population
5. ethnic customs and characteristics
6. interpretation or selection of maps for an area.

Queries on place names and the availability of maps should be referred to the Map Library (D/GL). Requests for the preparation of maps should be directed to the Cartography Division (D/GC).

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V. Use of Research Facilities and Services

Requests for information may be made by phone or visit to the branch or staff concerned. Requests for support projects should be discussed directly with the appropriate Branch Chief. If it is determined that the project will require more than 20 hours to complete, a written request then must be submitted through the Chief, Geographic Research Area.

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